

Context Clues 2.2

Directions: read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning.

1. **Degrade:** Suzie's mother taught her to never let anyone **degrade** her, so now she demands respect in all of her relationships.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **Frivolous:** My mom wanted to get the red napkins for the party and my dad wanted the blue napkins, but I'm not even concerned about such **frivolous** things.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **Discontent:** If we use the red napkins, my mom will be happy but my dad will be **discontent**.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **Morsel:** The dogs were so hungry that they would have killed one another for a **morsel** of meat.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **Fretful:** My mom always worries about my grades and the colleges that I'll be able to attend, but if she were a little less **fretful** she'd be a lot more fun.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **Appall:** John had seen horror movies before, but when he saw *Bloodcore 6*, he was so **appalled** by the bloodshed that he wrote the newspapers warning parents not to allow their children to see this movie.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

7. **Wither:** Alice finally threw the **withering** roses away when a dead petal fell into her cereal bowl.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **Simultaneous:** Few were impressed by Kirstin’s presentation, “How to Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time,” even though Kirstin was able to **simultaneously** walk and chew gum.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **Reluctant:** As Kevin remembered the promise he made earlier, he **reluctantly** agreed to help Jennie move her stuff into her new apartment.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **Reproach:** Miss Annie **reproached** Johnny for the missing chocolate chip cookies, even though Johnny is allergic to chocolate.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **Penitent:** It is difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you, even if that person is **penitent** and expresses regret for their decisions.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **Sustain:** It is difficult to **sustain** a smile when your whole world is falling apart.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

Bonus: Define each of the words on a separate sheet of paper to check your answers. Attach your sheet.